



Northlew & Ashbury C of E Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

6/12/2024

Good Afternoon

We have had a busy few weeks with 'snow' days, trips, Christingle and general school chaos – the children (and all our families) have been amazing and are still being focused learners and the superstars, we know they all are.

I would like to say a massive thank you for all the support and flexibility you all continue to show our school, not only supporting our events but transporting the children to and from events.

Firstly, we had a brilliant time celebrating and raising money for Children in Need – we raised a fantastic **£100.41!** This is a brilliant total for such a small school – THANK YOU for your kind donations.

Given the snowy weather, we had a great turn out of sellers for our Christmas fayre – thank you to our brilliant PTFA for all their work in organising this event. We raised an impressive **£475!** Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and came along to support this (both sellers and buyers!)

The children – and adults- had a brilliant time at the Panto (oh no they didn't!) I would like to thank all of our children for representing the school so brilliantly and it was lovely to hear their favourite parts (including getting sprayed with a water gun!)

We have been joined over the last few weeks by the Wren Music Charity, who have worked with the children to write their own Christmas Carol. The children thought carefully about what Christmas means and all the different things that happen this time of year and they have done a fantastic job of learning all the words in a short space of time. Please see the attached flyer for details of an event being held at All Saints Church Hall in Okehampton, where the children and families are invited to sing their carol.

I would like to say thank you as well to those who attended the Carols in the Barn event. Although it wasn't a school event nor a school day, supporting the village builds community and it's always nice to hear that our children are representing our school so brilliantly. We are waiting to hear how much money was raised for various Charities.

It was lovely to host our Christingle Service in St Thomas of Canterbury Church this week - the children did a brilliant job of reading and singing in church and we had great fun making the Christingle oranges (the children showed great restraint in not eating the dolly mixtures!) Having a service in the church, with traditional hymns adds a level of community and spirituality that we are hoping to build on and continue throughout this year.

As we head into the last two weeks of term, we are busy with various events alongside our learning – please see the below dates that outline these. I will endeavour to send out further details closer to events but as always, if you have any questions, queries, or would like to discuss anything with us please send an email to admin@northlewprimary.org.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.

Many thanks and I wish you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Tucker-Grant

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Class News

The children have been getting stuck into their learning and have been really focused and have shown great perseverance.

Key Stage two have been testing their timestable knowledge in maths, throughout multiplication and division unit of learning (long divisions has been a particular brain work out!)

Our Key Stage one learners have been thoroughly enjoying learning about mould as part of their science topic – enjoying an experiment with growing their own mould on bread.

All the children have a part in our Christmas play and have been busy learning their lines and song lyrics ready for our performance next week.

Mrs T-G, Miss Lovering, Mrs O and Mrs Johnstone.



Star Learners:

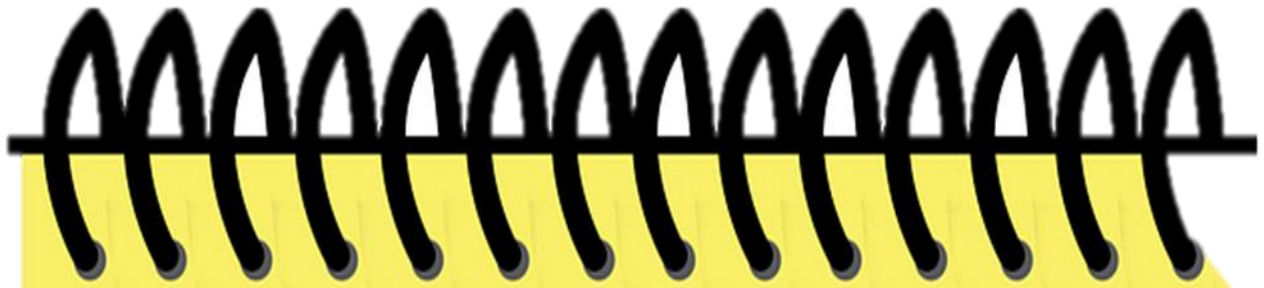
Kason, for working really hard to improve his times-table knowledge and making brilliant progress with his maths learning.

Rowan for brilliant learning and focus across all areas of the curriculum.

Attendance

94.77%

When deciding whether to keep your child at home, don't feel the decision is final at 8am. If you keep your child off because they seem 'off colour' but they 'perk up' as the day goes on, please feel free to bring them in at any time throughout the day. Remember, the less lost-learning time the better!



Key Dates:

9th December – Stay and Play 1.30-3.30pm

11th December – Nursery taster session 1.30-3.30pm

13th December - Nursery taster session 9.00-11.00 am

13th December – Christmas Play in the Village Hall -

2.30pm -Dress rehearsal (all welcome)

5pm – Performance (all welcome)

16th December – Stay and Play 9.30-11.30am

17th December – KS1 Pantomime

17th December – KS2 Carol Singing in the Green Dragon 2.00pm

18th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December- Carol service 2.30pm

20th December – Nursery taster session 10.30-1.30pm

20th December – Last day of term

7th January 2025 – All pupils return/first day of Spring term

9th January 2025 – Stay and Play 9.00-11.00am

10th January 2025 – First Nursery Day

Pupil Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please notify us before the start of the school day.

You can report an absence in the following ways...



Email

admin@northlewprimary.org.uk

Or

Iceadminteam@dmatschools.org.uk



Phone

School Office: 01409 221 420

(you may be diverted to the central ICE admin team should the office be away from their desk or on another call)

Or

Central ICE Admin Team: 01837 510 414

Always include your child's name, school and reason for absence

REMINDER

Emails and texts sent to school are monitored until lunchtime. If an urgent communication is needed after this time, please call or email the Central ICE Admin Team for your message to be passed on: telephone number **01837 510414** / email address ICEadminteam@dmatschools.org.uk Thank you.



West Devon Carol Singing Workshop

Saturday 7 December
Workshops and Carol
singing:
2:30pm - 6pm

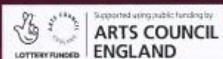
All Saints Church Hall, 4
Market Street, Okehampton,
EX20 1HN

Learn some
traditional,
local carols

Take part in
some carol
singing in the
town

Hear the local
primary school
children's brand
new Christmas
song

Suggested donation of £5
To book your place, please contact us at
info@wrenmusic.co.uk or phone 01837 53754

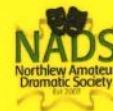


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wrenmusic.co.uk



Workshops
and carol
singing
for all



Presents

ALADDIN

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th December

7.30pm

Northlew Victory Hall

TICKETS £8 ADULTS
£5 UNDER 12



Tickets available from martinperry.northlew@gmail.com
Or call 01409 221376 / 07974859029